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- 1. DASD/ISA GLITMAN MET WITH MARTRE, GENERAL DELEGATE FOR ARMAMENT (DGA), FRENCH MOD AND AGREED ON MINOR CHANGES IN WORDING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVIEW.
- 2. FRENCH DO NOT HAVE FULL CLEARANCE YET THROUGHOUT THEIR GOVERNMENT (QUAI), BUT ANTICIPATE GO AHEAD WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
- 3. FRENCH AGREED WITH US THAT TIME HAS COME TO INFORM OTHER ALLIES THAT US AND FRENCH ARE DISCUSSING PROCUREMENT MOU SIMILAR TO US-UK MOU.

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- 4. HOWEVER, FRENCH DID ASK THAT THIS INFORMATION BE TREATED AS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND PROTECTED SO THAT IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT DIVULGED TO THE PRESS. (WE AND DGA ARE CONCERNED THAT PREMATURE DISCLOSURE COULD PROVIDE AMMUNITION FOR THOSE IN GOF OPPOSED TO MOU.)
- 5. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM SYG LUNS THAT WE

AND FRENCH ARE DISCUSSING MOU AND MAY INFORM OTHER
ALLIES, IF THE QUESTION IS RAISED. (FRENCH BELIEVE FRG
MAY ALREADY HAVE SOME IDEA THAT DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE.)
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